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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 3 (a)

Part B for January 1920.

SUBJECT.

Policy in regard to the appointment of Presidents & Vice Presidents to Local Bds & Municipalities.

Mr D.C. Bangalore U/L — 1687 dt 3-7-19.

Reports in reply to the Doddballapur Tahsildar's query as to whether there is any objection for the ex-officio members to stand for election as V. Presidents of the Bds, he has intimated that there is no objection thereto.

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(For Disposal at a Meeting) No. C. 334

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

(Clause xii of the Schedule.)

Policy in regard to the appointment of Presidents and Vice-Presidents to Local Boards and Municipalities.

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CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C. Balasingham Jr

..... 2nd January..... ...19.20..

Chief Secretary to Government.

Extraordinary Member of Council. 11.1.20.

4216.36 / 3-1-20 **First Member of Council.** Opinion recorded Peel 5.1.20.

Second Member of Council. Seen.

2550 / 12/1/20 **Third Member of Council.** I am unable to agree 15/1

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the D.C. [illegible] District
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[illegible] Request that [illegible]
the D.C. [illegible] District
[illegible] Public Trust Dept's query
as to whether there is
[illegible] objection to the
ex officio Trustees [illegible]
of trade for electors
[illegible] residents of
the Public Trust Dept. has
[illegible] stated that
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A copy of the
[illegible] dated 8th January
directing that
a Civil Servant should
not stand for election
as a municipal
Councillor without
the permission of
[illegible] is not re-

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The G.O. as it stands at present seems to apply alike to the cases of Civil Servants standing for elections as municipal Councillors at general elections than to those where the Councillors — whether ex officio, elected, or nominated — stand for election as Presidents or Vice Presidents of the same ~~Council, and the exemption~~

3) The question for consideration is whether the said G.O. may be applied to the case of ex officio members of a Local Board standing up for election as President or Vice President of the said Board. It is no doubt a recognised fact that it is an inconvenient procedure to elect an ex officio member as a vice president of the Board, in as much frequent transfers of these officers lead to the holding of

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fresh elections and
Consequently to much
Correspondence with
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Govt provincially
for
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3) The above note is correct, but it applies to rulers. As regards the general rule passed by Govt. that Govt. servants should not take part in such elections without special permission of Govt, I submit that the rule is based on the policy that as far as possible scope should be given to the non-official gentlemen to have training in locality first work from this point of view, it is necessary that predominance of official element should be minimised as much as possible. In a Taluq Board, either the Assistant Commr or the Amildar is the President. Why should another officer of Govt. be added and then specially posted to the local Board? Besides if the Amildar stands for election

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the Electors for various reasons, will give
their votes to him though if he did not
they would not in many cases be sorry.
It is desirable to prevent local officers
from standing for elections for either
the appointment of Parish or Rural
any local body. If Govt. consider there
is a real need for a local officer having
an office in a local body, they can
easily nominate him. Further, under
a candidate notifies his intention
to stand for election, some may object to him
Electors
if he is in spite of this, then the election
will be invalid.

(2) If Govt. disapproved a general order might
be put up prohibiting Govt. officers
taking part in elections in local bodies
whether for membership or for office
bearerships without special permission
of Govt.

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(Rowse) (1) I think the views noted above

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are sound & a general order may issue as proposed

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8) I agree with what is suggested in the case of the Beersheba Municipality. It does not seem desirable in the interests of the Public Service that a Government official should be nominated for election to the Municipal Council and stand for election for his post as President or Vice President unless the Government is prepared to appoint him to a post in the service of the Council as a member of the Council does not mean that his post has no stability. Some such safeguard must be in existence if the Municipality is to have any chance of obtaining suitable men to undertake the duties, which will not always be the case if such appointments

9) In the same way I agree with the proposals made by the Director of Education, Jerusalem, 29/7 P.

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Boundaries being a question of principle
I submit it for decision
in Council in the absence
of Hon'ble Minister.

10) A draft S.O. is put up for approval.

11) Sent out with a typed copy as usual.

12) Attended to.

13) A Gazetted notification submitted for approval.

14) I submit an order has already been issued in respect of District Boards & there seems to be no necessity for further order. Hon'ble Minister may kindly see.

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(B) (6) A copy of the G.O. referred to in para 1(e) supra is submitted. It will be seen therefrom that a Govt servant is ~~debarred~~ prohibited from becoming a member of a Local Board without sanction of Govt. But there is nothing therein to prevent, a Govt servant who has already become a Councillor or member of the institution, from standing for election as a President or Vice President thereof.

(7) Many instances of ex officio members of Local Boards standing up for election as Presidents & Vice Presidents have come to the notice of Govt. The Election of Mr Linghiah, Amildar ~~Taluk~~ as V.P of Shimoga District Board, and of the Sub Registrars of Nelamangala & Doddaballapur as

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V. Ps of the said Board was not approved by Govt.

18) The D.C. Shimoga district has very recently reported that the election of Mr. Vedantiengar, builder, as the vice President of the Sagar Taluk board was contested as the V.P. elected of the Taluk Board and He has now requested that as he has left the Taluk on transfer, Sanction may be accorded to elect a fresh Vice President in order to put a stop to such things: it seems necessary to issue a general order or a circular letter to the D.Cs on the subject.

19) The draft G.O. which was prepared in accordance with the minutes of the second member vide para 8 Supra is respectfully resubmitted for orders—

20) Please look this & the then file and submit.

21) Now and then places where two persons are not available for appt as presidents & Vice Presidents — In such cases the local leaders may elect one person for the place & the Govt will then appoint the elected person — Election — Govt to see that such elected persons are debarred from standing election persons, Now the local leaders will be compelled to elect the competent men since the Govt cannot appoint persons other than elected persons — Govt to see

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(2) Respectfully submitted for orders. Kind reference is invited to the note in the linked file.

Second Month) MS 8/9/19.

Extract from ~~note~~ letter LB file no 4-19.

(VS) Para (2). Instead of disapproving the election already made of the officials as Vice Presidents of Local Boards and asking the D.C.s to hold fresh elections thereon, it seems desirable to issue a general ruling on the subject and thus avoid the circulation. Course. A Rural Board is a large area than a municipality and it may not be difficult

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to find a suitable candidate
Presidents therefor.

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Para 4. The Amildar by
virtue of his position in
this Taluk will by standing
for election exercise an
undesirable influence on
the non-Offls voting, and
though there may be
competent non-Offls, their
candidature will not be
successfully backed up
against the Amildar. I
would therefore submit
that Offcials be debarred
from standing for elections
without previous permission

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but in cases where
election of non-Offls proves
a failure, the D.C.
may be asked to submit
a recommendation for holding

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another election in which special permission to officials to stand for election may be given. This is necessary to ensure the 2 Govt development

Asst Comm Th. 22/9.

(95) The scheme I am afraid will not work in places where asst Commrs in charge of Taluks are presidents of Taluk Boards. It is not desirable that in such places amildars should not be vice Presidents. No work can be executed in these Taluks if the Amildar is not invested with executive powers.

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Asst Comm. 6/10/1925

(96) × × × × × × × It is respectfully submitted with refce to the member's observation that the interests of the Bd are only secured by the presence of the Asst Comm as President. By having a non official vice President fr-

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such places it will increase the responsibility of the Govt which such a subject will be a very wholesome influence.

(VI) No. I cannot agree. The present rule is all right.

D.O letter dated 21st October 1919 from the Deputy Commissioner Hazara District, enquiring whether it is the intention of Govt that non-official members alone should stand for election as L.B.S. of Local Boards.

Secy's views on the P.V.D. 28/10 27. I believe the intention is that offl members should not be allowed to stand for election without the previous approval of Govt. The file with a draft order to this effect, is under consideration I think. Maybe submitted to Govt, to the 2nd member.

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29) vide order in para 27 supra.

30) Attention is invited to para 27 thereof.

31) The Subject of not allowing Govt officials to stand up for election as Presidents and Vice Presidents of Local Boards and municipalities was discussed at the last Dasara assembly and the Consensus of opinion was that the rules should be suitably changed disallowing Govt servants to stand up for election.

32) With reference to the member's query in the routine note (placed below), it is submitted that the rules are silent on the point. If approved, a clause will be inserted in the rules to the effect that no Govt servant or ex officio member of the Board shall take part in the voting.

It is also suggested that the insertion of another clause

D election of (not II) V.P. President

In the R. a. elections officials are not permitted to take part.

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to the effect that no ex[illegible] member of the Board shall stand for election without previous permission of Govt will produce the same result aimed at in the proposed G.O:

33) Submitted for orders in above reference to para 28 supra.

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25/10/1919 34) For orders. The d.c. has to be given a reply. He may be informed that candidature of Hindi for the vice Presidentship may be discouraged.

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35) In conducting the municipalities of Jeypore, Nowrangpur & Koraput Boards the members in uniforms are required to be marshalled and can be supervised easily by a Stationary Police. The members in a Taluq area are more spread & their works will be scattered. A touring Police Officer as President in the Board-if necessary deputing

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supervise his works. When his Consider happens the his President & his Taluq Board any non official can be a his President. provided When his Consider is not his President, then a non official or his President will be a temporary. I would suggest allow official Board for election as his President subject to his election being approved by his Govt. But in every municipality I would not allow an official to stand. Without premission, as would allow an official Councillor to vote.

(36) The Dy Comr & Commissioner may forward their letter reply in accordance with his above observations.

(37) The Dy Comr. should a reply before his Rolls & his letter should not have been submitted when his reply

2/11/19

File given to me on the 4th at 4.45 P.M for 4.11.19

38) A draft letter Conveying the orders Contained in para 35

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Supra is submitted for approval or other orders.

3) As the contents of the letter lay down definitely the policy of Govt in the matter, it is necessary to send copies to the D.C.s of other districts and it may therefore be ordered to be printed.

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(Second member)

4) Not necessary. Issue no need to define the policy of Govt.

Sara 19/11

5) May the draft on the file issue? MK 20/11

Sara 20/11/19

6) For appl or orders a reply is due from the Harbour D.C.

MK 21/11/19

(Second member) 7) Draft as revised may issue. It may be printed & copies kept circulated. But as the matter is important, the draft may be submitted to Hon Member at.

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I was on leave for three days owing to the prevalence of influenza in my home. Hence the delay in submitting the file.

Sara 19/11/19

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(45) Letter from Municipal Councils in Madras & elsewhere.

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(46) The practice in the Madras Presidency is noted below:—

District Boards:— In Septr 1917 four non-official gentlemen were appointed as Presidents of the District Boards of Guntur, Godavari, Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam.

4) Officials were appointed Vice-Presidents of the district boards where non-officials had been appointed to enable the latter to devote their energies and time to Supervision and inspection and also to make official experience available for the control of routine and account work and for supplying

* Extracted from the report on the working of Local Boards in the Madras Presidency during 1917-18.

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Knowledge of the working of other departments and ensuring cooperation with the latter.

48) In accordance with the assurance given by the Govt at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th Feb 1917 the district Boards of South Kanara, Bellary, Madura and Vellore were granted the privilege of electing their Vicepresidents; but since the close of the year an official has been appointed Vicepresident of the first named board in accordance with the policy mentioned above. Non-offls have been nominated Vicepresidents in the case of twelve other district boards. Kind reference is also invited to para 2 of the G.O. no 803 dated 25th June 1919 in which the ex officio members of the Taluk Board are prohibited from standing for election as president.

49) Taluk Boards:— The taluk Boards

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of Ellore, Chittur & Cuddalore as before, had presidents elected by themselves, and the privilege of electing its president was extended in the course of the year to the Vellore Taluk Board. Which previously had a nominated non-off president In accordance with the policy of Govt, non-offl. were newly appointed to preside over the Taluk Boards of Chittur, Coimbatore, Rajampet, Coondapur, Puttur, Malappuram and Kavali So that towards the close of the year, nominated non-offl presidents were in charge of 33 Taluk Boards In all other cases, the office of the president was held by the revenue divisional officer ex officio:

50) All the Taluk Boards except Chittur, ~~Nellore~~ Cuddalore, Ellore & Vellore continued to elect their non-official Presidents in the excepted cases, the non-official Presidents were appointed by

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Govt in view of the fact that the presidents were elected.

51) Bombay Presidency:- The exact practice is not definitely known as the annual Administration Reports do not contain any information on this point. Section 27 of the Bombay Local Boards Act contemplates the election of a vice President when the President is a salaried official. Kind refer is invited to paras 16 & 17 of Vol I of the report of the Committee appointed by the Govt of Bombay to Consider & report on the question of the extension of the principle of Local Self Govt in that Presidency

Pages 4, 5 & 9 of the Vol placed below 9/12/42

52) In Bengal, the right of electing Presidents has been conceded to the Taluka Boards for years past and the Central Provinces District Boards enjoy the privilege of non official Presidents.

53) The new Local Self Govt Scheme is being put into operation in this State during the last one year and in the early stages, the habitual

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Re appointment of President-Vice Presidents

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official leading seems indispensable. It would certainly be restricting the field of choice if the Boards are compelled to elect non-official Vice Presidents, where one competent could not be had. On the whole the policy enunciated in the draft is similar to that contained in the latter portion of para 9 of the resolution of the Govt of India on Local self Govt.

5/ Submitted for orders with reference to para 45 Supra

9/12/19 (Rev Sec'y)

10/12/19 (2nd member)

12.12.19 (Vice President)

17/12 (Member)

5) I moved the Govt consider at a meeting of Council

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(Chief Secy) 6) The policy as laid down in the letter Compld under reference seems to be acceptable & may be followed for the present.

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58) I respect I am unable to agree with the view taken by my learned colleagues. I think that the procedure proposed to be adopted in appointing the Vice-Presidents of the Local Boards under Sec 6 of the Local Boards Regulation is to secure the expression of the non-officials in Local Self-Govt by affording an opportunity to them to be elected to these places; and this object will be frustrated if officers in authority exercising considerable influence within their jurisdictions are allowed to stand for election & complete with the non-officials.

59) The 2nd member apprehends that when the amendment of the Presidency Local Boards Act, the appointment of a non-official as Vice-President will be a thoroughly failure. I do not share this apprehension ~~regarding the effect of the proposed change in Sec 6 of the Regulation~~. It I do not think that the Chairman of the Vice-Presidents for election would ~~be amended~~ always succeed in the Election of their competent & undesirable

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Name for the place. If however in any case the person Elected is not considered right work for name for his place, of his name provide for his Election & appointing a Vice-Chancellor by nomination.

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Subject. - Clause xii of the schedule.

(60) Policy in regard to the appointment of Presidents and Vice Presidents to Local Boards and Municipalities.

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Opinion of the Council.

Note

(61) No action is necessary -

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(62) Forwarded, with compliments, to the Revenue Secretary to Govt.

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(63) L.T. -

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(64) Submitted for orders with reference to para 42 supra.

65 May the papers be filed?

24/4/20

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

No. C 1687/19 Dated Bangalore, 3rd July 1919.

From

M.A.Narayana Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

B.Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the Amildar of Dodballapur asked for instructions if in the election of Vice Presidents by Taluk Boards, the ex-officio members may stand for election and I have replied to him that there is nothing in the Local Boards Rules(chapter II of Government Notification No.11758/L.B.54-18-8 dated 15th March 1919)to prevent Ex-officio members from standing for election to the Vice President's place. I report this fact for the information of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

M.A. Narayanaiyengar.
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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This may be deposited after perusal. Please bring up today.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Revenue Dept

Dated 3rd } July 1919

Despatched

Received

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Enclosure No.

Intimates the course of
increments to the Amildar
of Doddaballapur regarding
the classification of Village Accountants
by Taluk Boards.

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25.10.19

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
President District Board,
Hassan District.

Dated Hassan 21 October 1919.

Dear sir,

Referring to notification No.4156-L.B. 56-19-1 dated 24th September 1919 directing that the Vice President of the Hassan District Board be elected by the Board in accordance with the Rules, I write to request you to kindly let me know, as early as possible before the 26th instant, whether, in view of the fact that it is believed in some quarters that it is the intention of Government that non-official members alone should stand for election as Vice Presidents of the Local Boards, though of course, Rule II (iv) published under notification No. 11758/ L.B. 54-18-8 dated 15th March 1919 does not say so, it will be in order not to allow exofficio members also to stand for election, if any of them should choose to do so, at the time of Election.

D 2680 25.10.19

Yours sincerely,

B Ramaswamaiya

To

B. Ramaswamaiya Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department,
Bangalore.

L. Sec'y.

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I believe the intention is that off. members should be allowed to stand for election without the previous sanction of Govt. The file, with a draft order to the effect, is under consideration, I think. May be submitted with ref^ce to the 2nd member — 23.10.19 — Amb

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

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Order No.

Bangalore, dated 199

Government are pleased to direct that no full-time servant of Government who is an elected, nominated, or ex-officio Councillor or member of a Municipal Council or Local Board ~~and who is not otherwise disqualified from standing for election~~, shall stand for election for the office of the President or Vice-President thereof, without having obtained the previous approval of Govt through his departmental superior.

26.8.19

6.8.19

By order and in the name of the Governor,
for Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To

The Heads of Departments
The Secretaries to Government
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts and the Presidents of District Boards
The Registrar, Chief Court with a letter
The Presidents of Bangalore and Mysore City Municipalities
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SUBJECT Policy of Govt re the ex officio members election as V.P.s in Local Boards & Municipalities

Diary No. of letter replied to 2680

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Bangalore, the [illegible] 191 No.

Date of issue

Signed by

To

The Dy. Commissioner,
Hassan District.

Sir,

P.V.D

In reply to your letter No. C. 246 of 1919/L.B. dated the 21st October 1919 enquiring whether it will be in order not to allow the ex-officio members of Local Boards to stand for election as Vice Presidents thereof, I am directed to point out that in this matter the condition of the municipalities is different from that of the District and Taluk Boards. The activities in the former are confined to a small area and can be supervised very well by a stationary officer while the activities in a Local Board area are mor

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wide-spread and the works are scattered. Consequently a touring officer either as President or Vice President is necessary to supervise the works properly in the latter case. Government accordingly consider that when the Amildar happens to be the President of the Taluk Board any non-official may be appointed as Vice President but in places where ~~it is not so~~, a ~~non~~ official as ~~Vice President as~~ will be ~~a thorough failure~~. Under the above circumstances Government see no objection to allow officials to stand for election as Vice Presidents of Local Boards subject of course to the election being approved by the Government. But in the case of Municipalities it is neither desirable to allow officials to stand for election as such without the previous sanction of Government nor to allow ex-officio councillors to vote.

I have etc.,

For Secy to Govt
Revenue Dept:

Memo

Copy to the Dy Commrs other Districts.

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For Secy to Govt.

List of enclosures.

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